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The steamship will take the steerage passengers to the quarantine station at Lawlors' Island, where they will have to remain for the regulation period of eighteen days before they will be allowed to proceed to their destination.

After disembarking the passengers the steamship will be fumigated, and after five days allowed to dock. The *Pomeranian* had 21 cabin and 160 steerage passengers.

(See Public Health Reports, Mar. 8, 1907, p. 271, table.)

CHINA.

Report from Niuchwang—Plague.

Vice and Deputy Consul-General Pontius reports, January 28, as follows:

Plague has again broken out in epidemic form in Niuchwang. The disease appeared 5 or 6 days ago. More than 30 deaths have resulted to date.

The disease is malignant in form, death occurring within a few hours. The first symptoms are headache and fainting spells, which are followed by a bloody foam running from the mouth, death resulting after a few hours.

This consulate is in receipt of a circular letter from the Japanese consul relative to sanitary examinations at certain places for travelers coming from Yinkow.

The customs taotai took immediate steps to prevent the spread of the disease, recognizing it to be both epidemic and endemic in nature.

January 30.—The number of plague cases to date is 39, with 36 deaths. There are at present 7 physicians engaged in measures for checking the spread of the disease. Five of these are Chinese and 2 are Japanese. As soon as a death is reported prompt measures are taken and a general disinfection of the neighborhood is made.

INCLOSURE.

NIUCHWANG, *January 28, 1907.*

As Yinkow is at present known to be infected by plague the Japanese authorities at Port Arthur have decided to begin sanitary examination at the following places with regard to travelers coming from Yinkow: The stations of Niu-Chia-t'un, Ta-Shih-Ch'iao, Hsin-min-t'un, and Mukden.

A. SAGAMA,
Consul from Japan.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, February 13, as follows:

Week ended February 9, 1907: Five supplemental bills of health issued to 5 steamships. There were inspected 5 vessels, 506 crew, 7 cabin, and 71 steerage passengers, and 2 cases of illness were investigated, neither of which proved to be quarantinable disease. The

personal effects of 59 crew were disinfected with steam and those of 3 steerage passengers with formalin. Certificates of vaccination were issued to 107 individuals and manifests were viséed for 2,128 pieces of freight. Four emigrants for San Francisco, per steamship *Nippon Maru*, were examined and passed.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows that there were reported among foreigners 1 new case of smallpox and among natives 1 death from smallpox.

No quarantinable diseases have been reported officially from out-ports. The suffering in the famine area continues unabated.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Malarial fever on steamship Phoenix from Colon.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Marsillan reports, March 11, as follows:

Week ended March 9, 1907. Bills of health issued to 5 vessels going to ports in the United States; crews inspected, 304; passengers inspected, none; immune certificate issued, none.

The Norwegian steamship *Phoenix*, which arrived on February 28 with a clean bill of health from Colon, had 6 of her crew, including the captain, sick with malarial fever. This vessel was fumigated on her arrival at Colon from Fernandina, and she was at wharf here taking a cargo of sugar for New York; said vessel was mechanically foul; so stated on the bill of health.

On March 9 a supplemental bill of health was granted to the United States second-class cruiser *Dixie*, from Habana, with 178 persons all told on board, and bound for Guantanamo Bay, United States Naval Station.

No quarantinable disease has arrived at this port during the week on vessels entering and none has appeared in the city.

The sanitary condition of the city is fair.

Municipal physicians are vaccinating against variola, as a precautionary measure only, there being no case of the disease present now.

Report from Habana—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Passed Assistant Surgeon von Ezdorf reports, March 12, as follows:

Week ended March 9, 1907.

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	22
Vessels not inspected and bills of health issued	10
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected	1, 275
Crew of outgoing vessels not inspected	433
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	1, 733
Passengers of outgoing vessels not inspected	161
Vaccination certificates issued for Colon, Panama	17
Vessels fumigated prior to sailing	4

No quarantinable disease was reported during the week.